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All members present.

Women's Club Membership Tea

The Saginaw Young People's Chapter of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs held a tea on Sunday, March 12 to

kick off their membership drive. This group is called the Mable Robinson Club. Mrs Robinson, their sponsor and
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The Time Bomb In Our Streets

By JIM COLVIN

Saginaw recorded its eleventh murder so far in this young promising year of 1972. At this early date I believe our casualty rate is running nose to nose with Vietnam where a Civil War has been going on more than eight years.

Saginaw is a small town compared to other cities as Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and I could name many more larger cities, but let's just take a look at our town as it grew, in the thirties when General Motors began to plant its roots here in Saginaw and Saginaw began to attract hard and earnest workers from across the midwest. The Forties is when Saginaw became a widely

known city from the Mississippi Delta, to the Northern rims of Canada.

After World War II, the hustler began to invade Saginaw. At this time, Saginaw was harvesting its first crops of war and post war babies. Saginaw was a two class society — Middle Class and No class. If you lived in First Ward during this time, then you know what class you were. Our young people had to look forward to one thing, manual labor at one of the many General Motors Plants, which was keeping pace with the population growth of Saginaw. Next was the man on the street, the man with the big bank roll, flashy

automobile and 'dressed to kill'. This man had his thing together, but there was very little killing going on in these days. This man became the idol of many of our young people. To them a working man was a 'fool', but I see many of those young men today have made the change and trying hard to raise a family, doing earnest and productive work.

We have a different man on the street today, we have cold bloody murderers on our streets, terrorizing the safety of every man, woman and child in our city. When you have a fifteen year old kid armed with guns, knives and dope, add it up and what do you have? A time bomb that is going off every hour in this city.

The only way to stop this senseless crime in our world is to unite our community and start a drive to wipe this evil from our streets and homes.

American people have defeated every evil that has set foot on its shores, except prejudice and crime. The two evil has brought Americans to its knees, the only way to survive is to stand up and fight. "I would rather die in the pursuit of happiness than to live in fear of death."

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The price of \$118 includes meals, fees, group pictures and insurance. Ten vacancies remaining. For more information or to sign up, call Saginaw High School, 752-8144.



'They sing together'

Out of the act of love Mrs Georgette Robinson wanted her son, Jerome Robinson's picture in the paper, for a fine and rewarding deed towards his prosperity. Jerome is now in the United States Army, stationed in Vicenza, Italy.

In the picture shown, Jerome is performing with Sp4 Mel Nelson as he leads the group in a religious number in the

Parade of Black Music. At the top, backing Sp4 Nelson doing a spiritual song are: left to right: Vickie Henry, PVT Charles Alford, PFC Jerome Robinson and Shelia Dunham.

The Black History Show included singing, modeling by men, women, and children, and a Soul Food dinner afterwards.

Mrs Robinson is a very proud mother!



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Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I had the pleasure of meeting you at the National Newspaper Publishers Association Convention in Los Angeles during the week of January 19-22.

This was the first NNPA Convention that I have attended and, in addition to learning quite a bit about black media, was duly impressed by the individuals in your association.

Congratulations on a fine organization and I wish you continued success on your publication.

Respectfully yours,
Julius F. Jones, Manager
Advertising Co-ordination-Review

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I have read a lot of different views about the Model Cities Programs. Many leaders have come and gone, many programs have been started and failed.

I have not read where anyone has put God at the head of these programs.

It doesn't matter what we are trying to do, in order to make it a success we MUST put God at the 'Head' of all our plans, He is our Chief.

Mrs Inez Byrd

Martha Longstreet School

Dear Mr. Colvin:

We want to sincerely thank you for your wonderful cooperation and for the loan of your excellent materials that added a great deal to the tremendous success of our Black and Chicano Emphasis '72 Program.

Our deepest appreciation to you and the members of your staff for being with us and for helping us with all of our endeavors.

Looking forward to continued co-operation between our projects. We are overjoyed to have a brother like you.

Peace and Love,
Larry & Angie

Blacks Deserve College Athletic Positions

"The day of grace and ease for the Big Ten using blacks is over with."

With those words, a group of black Michigan State University educators and athletes recently served notice on the Big Ten athletic conference to stop discriminating against blacks.

As a former Big Ten athlete, I couldn't agree more.

While college athletics in recent years has been more open to blacks than other institution, they've been just as racist in regards to hiring administrators, coaches, officials, trainers, publicists and other staff members.

Outside of the relatively few blacks who have "made it" in the professional ranks, blacks have not reaped the financial benefits available in

our sports-crazy nation.

For example, name a black head coach at a major college.

None come to my mind.

Black Coaches Qualified

Yet, there are and have been many black coaches qualified to coach in the Big Ten or any other conference.

The number of professional athletes from predominantly black colleges and black college stars from redominantly black high schools attest to that.

A case in point cited by the MSU group was Will Robinson, the black, long-time coach at Detroit's Pershing High School, now in his second year as head basketball coach at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

See BLACKS

"A Full Life!"

by ANN BRYANT

Recently we went South to bury our grandmother. The occasion was sad, yet tinged with joy. Sadness because of her departing; joy in the realization that she had lived fully, completely in her 99 years. She had loved, taught, guided, moulded, many lives.

As we gathered from all the states, I could not but wonder, what one thing would best carry forth the heritage of this outstanding lady. No doubt, the love for people will take precedence.

Notwithstanding, the fact has long been accepted that this is a hurly-burly hurried, harrassed, mixed up world; and we just do not have the time to love people especially if there is no personal gain. The many things that have brought blessings into our lives have also brought many changes. These changes demand the best of us everyday. We no longer do our best to get around crisis because every day seems to bring with it many minor crises. We do not have time to think. We must move with great speed or be run over in the process. And this we do with all the ruthlessness and unkindness of a pirate. There is no time to express love and concern nor to show empathy for human inadequacies. Or are they? Think back. How often have you been helped by a single gracious phrase or act? Who has conferred the precious gift of self-esteem on you by a thoughtful gesture? A friend of mine did upon my return last week. A loving act that meant so much to me! How often in our lives, insensitive, through self-absorption, have we failed to recognize another's needs — husband, wife, mother, father, friend, the shy unattractive one, the bold, boastful, arrogant one? Do we simply "turn our neighbor off" because of our own unmet needs? If so no one



The Mable Robinson Club.

Membership Tea

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advisor, was guest of honor at the tea, held at the home of member, Carolyn Patterson. Other special guests were Mrs Goines, president of the senior organization and Mrs Scott an officer at the state level.

The Mable Robinson Club now includes ten young women who meet the first and third Saturdays of each month, in the homes of members, to plan civic im-

grows.

The loving person is urgently needed today! The loving heart protects and enlarges the self-respect of the other person, builds his ego. Are we big enough to accept this fact? Opportunities to put this rewarding talent to use are all around us. Let us look for them! To quote my friend, Dick Gilmore, of Octagan House, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, "Black people have fought each too long. Brothers and sisters let us love one another."

provement projects. The group was organized in 1968, and is now hoping to add to its number of young women, ages 18 through 35, who are interested in working for their community. (There is a group for those under 18 with the same interests).

The group is also making plans to send delegates to the National Convention of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, which will be held in San Jose, California in August.

The Club's officers are Mrs Betty Marlow, president; Yvette Wofford, publicity chairman; Cassandra Landrum, vice-president; Belinda Barlow, secretary. Anyone who would like to know more about this organization may contact Yvette Wofford at 753-8626.

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Here's some of the ways they have beautified this unfurnished apartment:

old couch and chairs, donated or collected from junk, recovered with inexpensive material;

couch cushions of 79 cent bath towels;

rugs made of samples and scraps, cheap or free from carpet stores;

wall hangings made of 65 cents worth of burlap and 25 cent squares of felt;

coffee table and end table made of beer boxes, covered with carpet scraps and varnished plywood;

bookcase, saved from junk, covered with contac paper; drapes from a rummage sale;

wall hangings of home-made flour paste baked and painted;

knickknack table is an old TV cabinet with the TV removed;

splatter-dyed old sheets

made into basement curtains.

Says Mrs Wilson: "You don't have to have much money and you don't have to have any special training. Goodness knows we don't have either one of these. It just takes imagination, and you just do it."

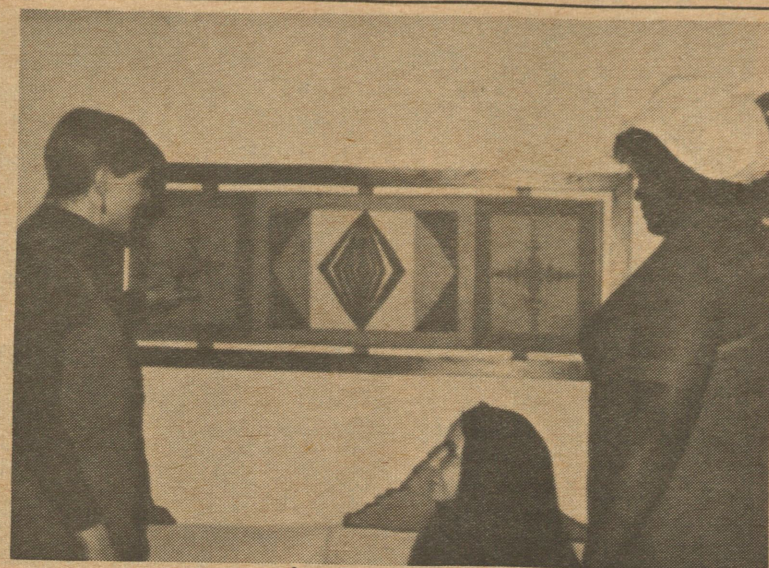
Mrs Wilson's staff includes Miss Charlotte Fischhaber, a family service worker and homemakers, Mrs Rhoda Ray, Mrs Juanita Taylor, Mrs Georgia Diggs, Mrs Josie Llamas, Mrs Martha Emerson and Mrs Shirley Tillman.

The women spend many hours in the demonstration center, Monday through Friday, developing new ideas, talking with women who have home or family problems, recruiting new visitors to the center and having small group meetings.

The only problems so far is reaching all the women who want or need to improve their homes and getting them to make use of the center. This is a problem, partly because the center is staffed and sponsored mostly by Department of Social Services. In Mrs Wilson's words, "the department has a bad image, it has a reputation for meddling and forcing its way into people's lives. It must be made clear that the center's services are for women who are really interested and who may have ideas to share as well as learning new things at the Center."

Also, many other groups are now getting involved, such as the YMCA and some of the major sorority groups. Some of the center's future plans include more rap sessions and group meetings with babysitting provided, joint projects with the YMCA, use of storage space to store donated furniture until someone needs it and many other helpful services.

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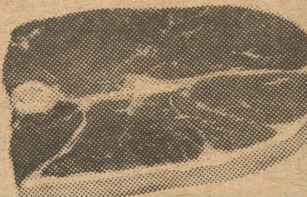
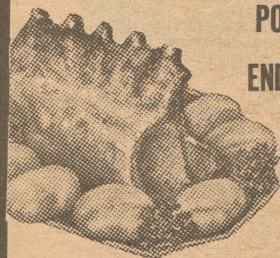
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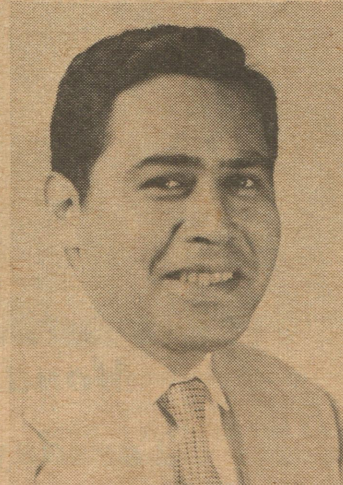
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Women's Club Style Show

The Negro Business and Professional Women's Club of Saginaw held its scholarship benefit on Sunday, March 12 at the Civic Center. This tasteful fashion show and tea provided an afternoon of pleasant entertainment for a near capacity crowd of about 400 people. At the same time, it raised a considerable amount of money for both the NBPW 1972 Scholarship and the group's growing Student Revolving Aid Fund.

The style show, entitled, "Said Into Spring With Fashion Flairs, Be The Person You Want to Be." The emphasis was on individuality, each person should choose clothes that fit into his own personality and life-style rather than wearing what happens to be in style.

The program, backed by the soft, sophisticated rock sound of the Williams Temple Band, was in two parts. The first half focused on local color, including women's fashions from Sam's Brothers, described by Mrs. Audry Walker of Sam's and men's clothes from Edward's, with commentary by Mr. Dixon. The models for this half were mostly NBPW members and their spouses,

as well as several youngsters who are known around town for professional quality modeling.

The styles shown by the ladies included beach clothes and sleepwear, worn by Miss Connie Jackson, Miss DeMerris Biggins and Miss Joyce Blackman; Mrs. Helen Hughey showed how accessories can change the look of a basic dress.

Day-time styles for office or shopping, as well as dressier styles were worn by Mrs. Jean Hunter, Mrs. Freddie M7rphy, Mrs. Sadie Curry and Mrs. Gloria Strode. Some of these featured wrap-around skirts, fringed hems, nailhead trim, oriental prints, easy care fabrics, and even a matching scarf to be worn anyway you like.

The men's fashions featured bright colors, including an all-white outfit with red and blue, red slacks worn with a striped sport coat, and other great looks. A new twist on the knit look was a camel-colored crushed knit topcoat worn over dark brown flares. The models were Eugene Price, Michael Beeman, Donald Scott, James Mason, and Dr. Douglas Covington.

The finale was a bridal gown, worn by Miss Glenda Hemphill in white organza trimmed with Venice lace and satin ribbon and a short illusion veil. The gown also comes with a full chapel train.

After an intermission during which refreshments styles with the unmistakable

were served, the "imported" half of the style show began. This featured Anita's Originals of Detroit. Anita brought her own lovely models and commentary was by Mrs. Alice Carter.

Anita's Originals were indeed original, they were unique, dramatic formal flavor of the city. They were

much enjoyed by everyone and the afternoon ended on a high note, with the NBPW much nearer its goal of education for deserving youth and full recognition for the achievements of black women everywhere.

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JOYCE WILLIAMS

Valley Star's Secretary of the Week is Miss Joyce Williams, who is a secretary at the Saginaw Housing Commission at 1803 Norman. Joyce, age 22 years, has been at the Commission over three years now, starting off as a part-time employee until she finished school.

Joyce's job consists of

Secretary Of The Week

by JUDY COLVIN

secretarial work for the Housing Commissions' aids and the manager, she takes repair orders from persons living in the houses and apartments leased.

Being very active in the community, Joyce has participated in the organization of "Miss Autumn Leaves" yearly and as many of you should know, she also writes very fine articles for the Valley Star. You can find the articles listed under "Joyce's Place."

She is a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and enjoys roller skating, dancing, sewing and cooking very much.

Miss Williams stated she likes her job because she works with black people of Saginaw. Every office has its differences, but it's togetherness that solves them all. She has a daughter four years old, Tanya, who attends a day care center during the day, while Joyce is working from 8 until 5 daily, five days weekly.

"Nothing seems to make a tack sharper than stocking feet."—Mayo G. Wood, the Wellington (Ohio) Enterprise.

Blacks Deserve

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Robinson, the group said, was bypassed by every major Big Ten school, even though he had coached many Detroit high school athletes who went on to prominence in collegiate basketball and had indicated strong interest in a Big Ten coaching position.

Another example is the recent hiring of a white track coach at the University of Michigan.

Despite the fact that the U of M has produced many black national track champions, some of whom are currently in coaching at the high school level, its athletic director, Don Canham, went all the way to the West Coast to obtain what he considered an experienced, qualified track coach.

Having run under Canham as a student and knowing him as I do, I would be the last person to call him racist. In fact, his actions on behalf of black athletes when we traveled through the South in 1957 and 1958 would indicate the opposite. Nevertheless, I'll be watching closely when he fills three administrative posts due to become vacant in June through retirements.

Playing Enough

The attitude of universities seems to be that black athletes should be content to fill playing positions; let alone paying positions.

It's apparent to me, however, that if, in fact, there has been such contentment, it's rapidly fading.

The MSU group's principal demands would require the Big Ten to conduct a complete review of the status of its black athletes and increase the number of black officials.

These demands should be met.

Moreover, the hiring of more blacks in athletic departments should start immediately.

I see no rationale for delay. For more information, call Milton J. Robinson, Executive Director; Dick Colby, Director, Public Information; (313) 222-1810.

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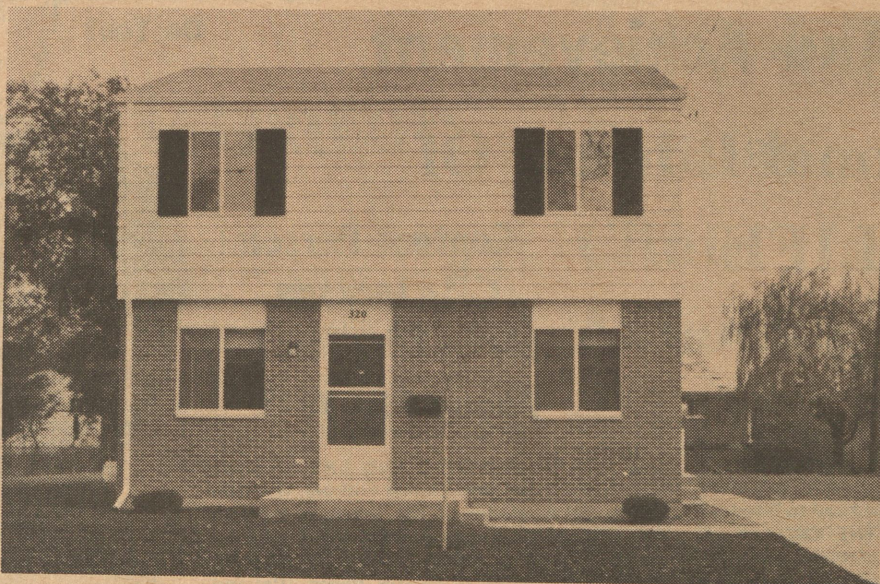
Homeowner Enjoys New Home

Mrs Winter, a new home-owner of one of Saginaw Housing Commission Homes for low income families, commented on how she enjoyed living in her new home:

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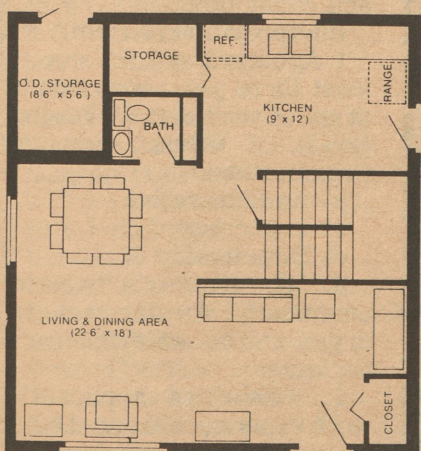
The big front and back yard is good play area for the children and the setup home-owners training helps an owner to become more familiar with the needs and qualifications of keeping up a home.

Mrs Winter hopes more families will become interested in the program, because it's good.

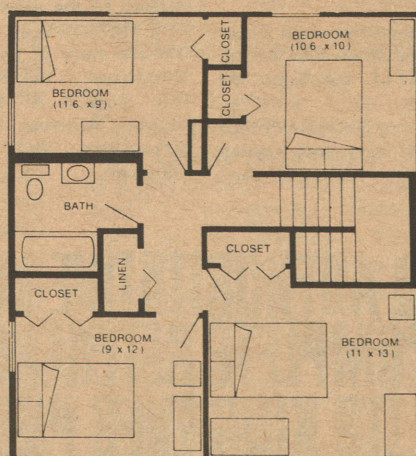


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Birthday Party



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Club 007 Throws Big Birthday Party

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They invited many friends and relatives. Club members are Annie Williams, president; Irene Gillard, vice-president; Donnie Smith, treasurer; Frankie Kemp, business manager; Silvai Vank, secretary; and Bertha Lewis, recording

secretary.

Special guests were the Magnificent 5. Other guest were Mrs Louise Durden, daughter, Mrs Mary Alice Smith, Mrs Willie Thompson, Mr and Mrs Tom Hollis, Mrs Wanita Williams, Mr and Mrs Willie Williams, Roy Tyson, grandchild, Mrs Vansha Tyson, grandchild, Gregory Tyson, grandchild, Mr and Mrs David Lee Smith, son, Mr and Mrs James Lane, Mrs Felicia McKnight and Mr and Mrs Harry Brooks.



Guidelines Set For Admission To UM

Graduate School of Social Work — The University of Michigan School Policy Statement on Admission of Non-Baccalaureate Degree Applicants. — Approved on April 21, 1971 by the Governing Faculty with Amendments.

This document presents the guidelines which were approved on April 21, 1971 by the Governing Faculty of The University of Michigan School of Social Work for the admission of non-baccalaureate degree applicants. Also included are the interpretations of these guidelines; the procedures by which applicants are evaluated for admission and additional information concerning the program.

1. The Faculty members of the Admissions and Scholarship Committee will review and make recommendations on non-baccalaureate degree applicants for admission to the Master's degree Programs in Social Work, utilizing the guidelines approved by the Governing Faculty for the admission.

2. The Faculty members of the Admissions and Scholarships Committee shall use the following criteria in their evaluation of non-baccalaureate degree applicants:

a) All applicants who are to be considered for admission must be 30 years of age or older.

b) Preference will be given to residents of the state of Michigan.

c) All applicants should have had at least two years of satisfactory collegiate studies at a University or Junior College and/or the equivalent as measured by the College-level Examination Program.

Interpretation of Item "c"

1. Two years of collegiate studies means that at least sixty credit hours should be satisfactorily completed at an accredited institution.

2. If the College-level Examinations are taken, the applicant will be instructed as to the general examinations and subject examinations to be taken.

d) Applicants who have demonstrated increasingly responsible achievements in a human service organization reflecting a variety of skills and capacities.

Interpretation of Item "d"

1. Applicants should have at least three years experience at one of more of the following levels of Human Service Organization.

a) Administrative

b) Supervisory

c) Directorship or

d) Should be active in community development or organization efforts, i.e., organizer.

2. Within the applicant's work experience there should be indications of outstanding ability or skill. Therefore, the

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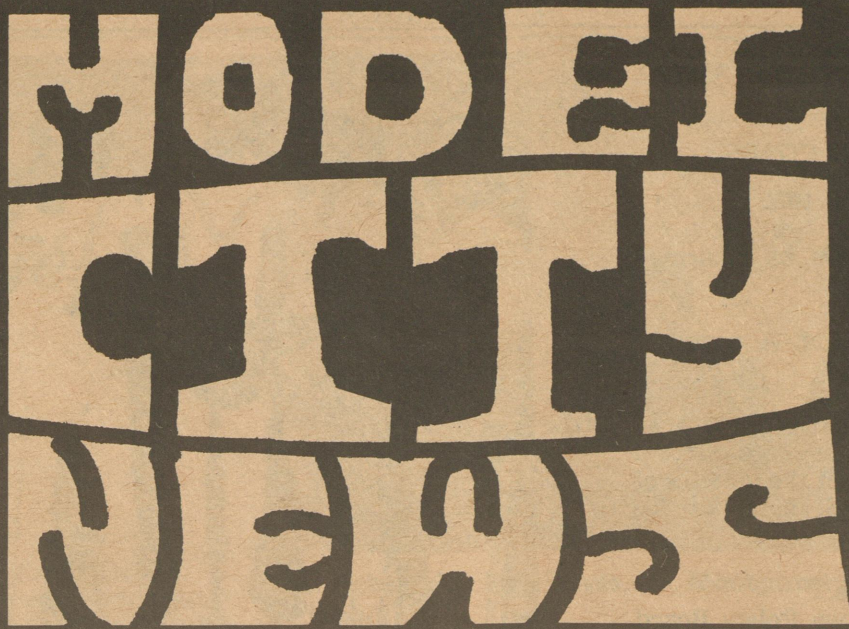
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MARCH 17, 1972



Jerry Pruitt

Pruitt Appointed Deputy Administrator

The City of Saginaw is pleased to announce the appointment of Terry Pruitt to the position of Deputy Administrator in the Department of Model Cities. Mr. Pruitt, a resident of the Model Neighborhood, has lived in Saginaw all his life.

He is 24 years old, married, and received his education at Western Michigan University.

Mr. Pruitt served as Assistant Evaluation Analyst for Model Cities in 1971 and left that position to become the Assistant Director of the

Saginaw Multi-Purpose Service Center, a Model Cities project. Mr. Pruitt is acquainted with the Model Neighborhood and all technical aspects of the Model Cities Program. He will assume his new duties on April 3, 1972.

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Dr. C.M. Monroe To Be Honored

Dr. C. M. Monroe, pastor emeritus, of Emmanuel St. Mark's United Church of Christ will be honored Sunday March 19, at 3:30 p.m. at the church at 3rd and Lapeer.

Dr. Monroe organized the church as The Emmanuel Community Church, which later became the Emmanuel St. Mark United Church of Christ. He pastored the congregation for over 20 years before retirement in 1968. Rev. Ike Laury and the New Jerusalem Baptist Church will be in charge of the service, followed by the dedication of a communion table in memory of the late Mrs. C. M. Monroe. Rev. James A. Alston, pastor.

A Letter From Mr. Jones

Dear Readers,

There are a number of crucial questions that must and will be answered. Questions like: "What does the future hold for Saginaw and even this nation? Will our everyday problems decline or increase? Will our future become better or worse than our past?" These questions may seem very hard to answer but, there is an answer for them. Answers live everywhere around us. We come in contact with them every day. If we really open our ears and eyes we will be able to realize that we can begin to answer our questions now. The answers lie in our young people. Our young people will deliver the decisions of everyday life in the future. Their knowledge and training will make the difference between success or failure of this city, state or nation.

If we take a close look at our young people's feelings, activities, and interest as

they exist today, we can tell what kind of road we are headed for in the future, as a people, a race and nation. This close-up can tell us where our present leaders need to strengthen or alter programs, where youth are involved.

In order to learn more about the feelings, thoughts, and motives of our youth, I will start a new column called, "Youth Close-Up 72." This will be a series of interviews of and about our youth in the Model Cities area. These young people will discuss their everyday problems, conflicts, and successes. They will come from a variety of ages and backgrounds. Some will be in school, others will not. Some will like our system, some won't.

But, all will be representatives of our today's youth.

I sincerely hope, that these columns will not only be educational but, also, inspirational achievement towards the successful involvement of our young people in a worthwhile youth program in the city of Saginaw.

Sincerely yours,
Larry J. Jones

Cardiac Clinic

Announced

The City and County Health Departments will conduct another Cardiac Clinic in conjunction with the Division of Services to Crippled Children, Michigan State Health Department at St. Luke's Hospital on April 18, 19, and 20, 1972. Dr. Robert Ziegler, Pediatric Cardiologist will examine and evaluate all children scheduled.

Children up to the ages of 21 years of age that live in Saginaw City and County are to be referred by their family physicians. This is a physicians' referral clinic and a completed referral form by the physician should be returned to Saginaw City or Saginaw County Health Departments by April 3. Parents should contact their family physician for further information. However, appointments must be made early as certain tests must be done well in advance of the Clinic, so that the doctors in charge may review these before seeing the patient.

Fashion Show

Zion Youth Dept., in connection with its Missionary Society, is presenting a talent fashion show and banquet on March 18 from 7-10 p.m. at the Sveden House, 5045 State. Donation \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 youth.

Your pass may be obtained from heads of all departments of the church or at the church office.

Chrmn. V. Jones, Pres. V. Washington, Dir. E. Watts, Pub. F. Robinson.

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Minutes

MINUTES — SAGINAW MODEL CITIES

POLICY BOARD — FEBRUARY 24, 1972

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman John Cisneros.

II. Roll Call.

Roll was called and a quorum was present. A complete record of the attendance is included.

III. Approval of Minutes.

The Chairman called for discussion of the Minutes of February 10, 1972. No corrections or additions were offered. Father Joseph Weathersby made a motion that the minutes of February 10, 1972, be approved as mailed. Seconded by Joe Garcis. Approved.

IV. Old Business.

A. Development of Evaluating Committee:

It was reported that the Chairman and two Policy Board members, Mrs. Girtha Green and Reverend R. B. Corley, were working on appointments for the Evaluation Committee. A list of individuals willing to serve was mailed to all Board members (see Exhibit A). In addition, letters of invitation have been mailed to all City Councilmen and the Mayor has been requested to appoint two Councilmen to serve on the committee. The chairman issued a public invitation to all persons present to join the Committee. Mr. Garcia, Policy Board member, volunteered. The chairman advised anyone interested could contact the Department of Model Cities about their wish to serve.

B. Apprentice Positions for Model Neighborhood Residents:

William DeBrodt, CDA Manpower Coordinator, made a report based on previous Board action. He said a clause has been developed for inclusion in Second Year contract that would require the hiring of two Model Neighborhood youths in apprentice positions. The clause reads:

"5. Staffing by the contractor.

a. To carry out the responsibilities.

1. Name of contractor

2. Job description

3. Qualifications

4. Non-discriminatory clause

5. Proper identification with the Model Cities Program

"b. Contractor agrees to accept as a part of its staff two (2) Model Neighborhood Residents, supplied by the Youth Employment Project, one as an administrative trainee and the other as a secretarial trainee. These trainees will be subject to the normal regulations governing employees of the contractor."

C. Manpower Committee Report:

A member of the Manpower Committee was present and reported on the proposed Centralized Manpower System to be implemented during the Second Action Year. The committee was requested to consider the possible contractors (Michigan Employment Security Commission, City of Saginaw's Personnel Department or Opportunities Industrialization Center) and offer a recommendation to the Board. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the contract be given to OIC. Mr. H. B. Rosenson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Manpower Committee relative to contracting for a Centralized Manpower System and, further, to direct the CDA staff to draw up the appropriate contract. Seconded by Mrs. Arlean Hardeman. Approved.

D. Proposed Modifications of Citizens Participation Structure:

Board members had been furnished with a proposal to modify the structure of our Model Cities citizens participation component. In response to earlier Board action, Mr. Chapis had developed and submitted to all Board members an analysis of comments and questions based on the proposal. The Chairman opened the discussion by suggesting that the proposal should be referred to the Rules and By-Laws Committee. Board members did not feel this was desirable.

Dr. Covington made a motion that Mr. Chapis review the analysis of the proposal and give the Board members a chance to respond to both documents on a "point by point" basis. Seconded by Mrs. Thelmond Johnson. Approved. Discussion followed.

Father Weathersby made a motion to accept the reorganizational plan in principal and subject to further development with the aid of Model Neighborhood Residents and the Model Cities staff. Seconded by Mr. Ernie Smith. Approved.

Ernie Smith made a motion that Dr. Douglas Covington be appointed chairman of the ad hoc committee to rewrite recommendations for the reorganization of the citizens participation structure. Seconded by Father Weathersby. Approved.

V. New Business.

The item of appointments to the Policy Board was held over for the next meeting.

VI. Miscellaneous.

Miss Patricia Jameson, Model Cities Representative from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit Area Office, commented that the Board should never submit anything to the City Council until its completely developed and there are answers available to all likely questions.

She also suggested that the citizens participation restructuring be submitted to the Rules and By-Laws Committee in keeping with the existing Board structure or that the members of the Committee serve with the ad hoc group to be headed by Dr. Covington.

Mrs. Joyce Brown, Multi-Purpose Center Director, requested



EAGLE STARTERS — Sage Memorial Gym is the site for the SIC Tourney at Mary Holmes College. Starting for the Eagles will be: Larry Gary, Jim Hite, Arthur Richardson, Floyd Spencer and Lloyd Townes.

(Staff Photo — Wright)

Mary Holmes Hosts SIC Tournament

Mary Holmes College is hosting the Southern Inter-collegiate Tourney at Sage Memorial Gym, which brings together five of the top Junior College Teams in the North State. Participating in the tourney are Coahoma JC from Clarksdale, Utica JC of Utica, Prentiss Institute of Prentiss, Natchez JC of Natchez and host Mary Holmes.

Natchez and Prentiss

played Thursday night, but results were unavailable at press time.

Tonight's games include Utica and the winner of the Natchez-Prentiss contest at 7 p.m. and Mary Holmes and Coahoma meet at 8:30 p.m.

The winners of the two games tonight face each other for the tourney championship Saturday at 7 p.m.

that someone be responsible for arranging adequate seating for the audience at future Board meetings.

VII. Recognition of Visitors.

The Chairman recognized the audience and thanked everyone present for attending. It was noted that Councilman Robert Loucks was present.

XI. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE TALLY

Present: John Cisneros, Chairman; Charles Bovan, Reverend R. B. Corley, William Crofton, Mrs. Feliza Esparza, Mrs. Girth Green, Mrs. Arlean Hardeman, George Hawkins, Kenneth Holmes, Thelmond Page Johnson, Mrs. Mary Latimer, Rex Patterson, Daniel Soza, Sr., Downtown Saginaw Association, B. Rosenson; First Ward Community Center, Mr. Credella Harris; GI Forum, Joe Garcia; La Raza Unida, Fred Quiroga; Saginaw Board of Education, Dr. Douglas Covington; Saginaw County Social Services, Ernie Smith; YMCA, Father Joseph Weathersby.

Absent: (1) Excused: Ronald Schneider, Chamber of Commerce, United Fund of Saginaw County.

(2) Unexcused: Carman Gomez, Jr., Mrs. Queen Herndon, Richard Myron, Raul Salazar, Curley Taylor, Jr., Otis Washington, Daniel Heights Tenant Council, Northeast Saginaw Ministerial Alliance.

Totals: Present 20, Absent 11. Vacancies: Model Neighborhood Residents 1, (Subarea No. 5, MNR Elected); City-at-Large 3 (Mayoral Appointee); Agency-Organization 1 (Mayoral Appointee).

The following members are in bad standing (have missed three or more of the last five Board meetings and do not have "excused" absences):

Carman Gomez, Jr., MNR Elected; Mrs. Queen Herndon, MNR Elected; Curley Taylor, Jr., MNR Elected; Richard Mayron, Community-at-Large Appointee; Otis Washington, Community-at-Large Appointee; Daniel Heights Tenant Council, northeast Saginaw Ministerial Alliance.

Persons recruited to serve on the evaluation committee: Rose Mary Butch, 2424 Needham Street, 753-1796, Area II. Mildred Wicker, 623 North 3rd Street, 755-8356, Area IV. Gladys Newson, 529 North 4th, 753-2563, Area IV. Felix Lewis, 2336 Snelling Place, 755-7140, Area III. Edward Smith, 2336 Snelling Place, 755-7140, Area III. Richard Williams, 211 South 19th Street, 754-9568, Area VI. Larry Jones, 116 North 10th Street, 754-6647, Area VI. James Shepard, 1913 Sanford, Apt. 2, 752-1792, Area I. Mrs. Willie Mae Rodgers, 1010 North 7th Street, 754-7760, Area I.

Mrs. Claudine Wicks, 752-5398, Area V.

"Listen Parents"

By JULIUS YOUNG

Mrs. Jean Bowman, Model Cities Youth Protective Service, says of the Generation Gap, "its closing, but can never completely close unless parents take it upon themselves to establish a more meaningful relationship between their children. From working with children and parents in trying to establish better relationships, many children feel that their parents listen but do not hear them and as a result these children begin to take their problems elsewhere or they "boil" within themselves and often-times some of these children begin to despise or reject parenthood, because of the poor relationships with their parents."

"My advice to all parents," says Jean, "is to lend a listening ear to your children instead of just an ear and become more acceptable to change, instead of reminding them of what and how their generation did things. Parents must accept change and stop trying to make children relive their lives. So what if we walked 20 miles to school and if we did, that school was desinately set those 20 miles from every home, for it's a tale told by many parents. If you constantly remind your children of how you coped with a situation twenty years ago and expect them to use such an age old solution in accordance with his or her problems, it's no wonder that you two don't relate well."

"Parents, keep in mind that not only do we owe our children love and security, but also understanding. Once we begin to understand our children, which first takes listening, we will be better respected by today's youth and parents will again be able to counsel their own children with both understanding each other."

McKether's Pulls Out Two Wins

McKether's barbecue city recreation basketball team which competes in the first division of the AA League pulled out a couple of very close games this past week. On Monday, March 6, at Central Junior High School, McKether's beat Smokey's Bar 48-46. McKether's led most of the game but Smokey's had a chance to tie and send the game into overtime when they got control of the ball with five seconds remaining. However, their final shot hit the rim of the basket and McKether's controlled the rebound to end the game.

On Thursday night, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. McKether's played Peter's Beef and Bourbon at Central Junior High School. Everyone figured it would be a close game and it turned out to be a real barn burner. The

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REQUIREMENTS: Education, training and experience equivalent to completion of high school with considerable experience in general maintenance and all related equipment. Must have valid license.

EXAMINATION: Selection will be made based upon the results of an examination as indicated below:

Method "A" — Oral Examination or Method "B" — Written Examination 50 percent, Oral Examination 50 percent.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply to the Personnel Department, Room 104, City Hall by March 21, 1972.

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THE POSITION: This is skilled technical laboratory work of a responsible nature performed under general supervision.

Duties involve the responsible performance of a variety of laboratory tests and analyses. Performs such duties as analyzing shipments of lime, soda ash for purity, analyze water samples and other materials brought in by the public. Maintain a program of Saginaw River testing, analyze raw water for fluoride content. Make any other analyses as directed by the Superintendent.

Other Duties: Run bacterial analyses, must be on duty every other Saturday and Sunday to make bacterial analyses. During working hours guide students and other visitors through the Water Plant.

REQUIREMENTS: Education, training and experience equivalent to graduation from college with a degree in chemistry or related science. F-1, 2 or 3 State of Michigan Certification for water treatment desired.

EXAMINATION: Oral or written examination depending on qualifications of applicants.

Examination will be announced.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply to the Personnel Department, Room 104, Saginaw City Hall.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIRMAN II

\$4.26—\$4.55

(Plus Cost of Living)

OPEN

THE POSITION: This is skilled mechanical work in the repair and maintenance of varied types of mechanical equipment, performed under general supervision.

Duties involve the responsible performance of major and minor repair and maintenance work on automotive and related mechanical equipment and the exercise of independent judgment and acquired skills.

REQUIREMENTS: Education, training, and experience to completion of the 8th grade and experience equivalent to a journeyman automotive mechanic.

Must have proven experience preferably heavy equipment.

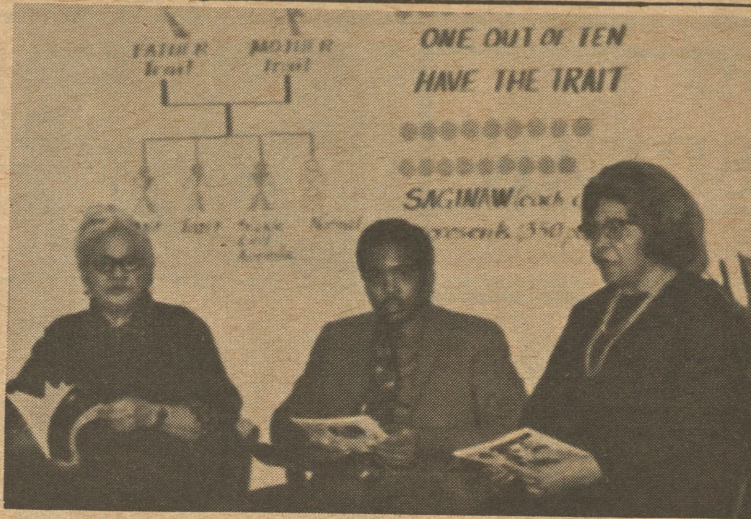
Welding experience helpful.

EXAMINATION: Examination will consist of a written and an oral examination, depending on number of applications.

Plan A Oral, 100 percent; Plan B, Oral 50 percent, written 50 percent.

Depending on references of experience.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Apply at the Personnel Department, Room 104, City Hall by February 28, 1972.



Left to right: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Heard.



Mrs. Jean Bowman

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Tea And Fashion Revue To Aid Research

The Study Culture Club invites you to attend a Tea and Fashion Revue given Sunday, March 19, 1972 at the YWCA, 615 So. Jefferson Ave., at 3 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation. As you know, this disease has been confined to the Black race only. So far, no cure has been found. Much research has been done but there's still much more to be done.

We feel that it is our responsibility to do all that we can to help this worthy cause. If you find it impossible to attend the tea, please give your donations to any of the club members or if you wish, you may mail in your donations to the chairman or co-chairman.

Thank you kindly.

Mrs. Vera Hayes, Chair-

man, 621 North 10th Street and Mrs. Cordelia Heard — co-chairman, 1011 Sears St.



LILLIAN WILLIAMS

What A Difference A Night Makes

by LILLIAN WILLIAMS

What a difference a night makes.
When nothing has gone your way.
And you don't see how you can.
Face life's problems another day.

You toss and you turn the
Entire night through.
Hoping there will be
Some way out for you.

And you fall asleep.
With a troubled mind.
Expecting help from the
Old healer called time.

And sure enough with
The coming of the dawn.
You've somehow found the
Courage to carry on.

The night made the difference
You are refreshed and ready to go
And match wits with the
Smartest guy you know.

Now I have no way of knowing
How life has dealt with you
But if you are one of the lucky ones
You are numbered among the few.

But when you have to battle
In brain to brain combat
And end up losing everything
Sometimes even your hat.

It makes one somewhat bitter when
The going becomes a bit rough
And after you've done your best
Which wasn't goo-enough.

But if you are one of the lucky ones
To whom fortune has dealt a hand
This doesn't apply to you
For you wouldn't understand.

Wins Two

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regulation game ended in a 58-58 tie. Then in the overtime period Edd Moore tipped the ball through the hoop just ahead of the final whistle to give McKether's a 63-62 win.

The two victories upped McKether's record to 3 wins 0 losses in second half competition and 8 wins 1 loss overall. McKether's has now compiled a win streak of 7 in a row. The team used to depend mostly on the heroics of Rosie Austin and Edd Moore to score points and win games but as the season has progressed good passing and good team work have also steadily progressed. As of late the team has begun to play as a close knit unit and all of the players have been contributing to each victory. Therefore, it seems only fair to mention each players name and position. Rosie Austin (center), Bill Candey (guard), Keith Hadaway (guard or forward), Ron Keup (guard), Gary Kutsch (forward), John Maharg (guard or forward), Edd Moore (forward or center), Jim Tippins (forward) and Jim Turner (guard and manager).

Reminder: Check the sports section of the Saginaw News to find out when McKether's plays again and come out and see the team play. Do this because as the sign says on the wall at McKether's Barbecue Restaurant located on the corner of Janes St. and 10th Street, McKether's is Cool!!!

PEOPLE SPEAK



Food Stamp Program Steadily Improving

Mrs Katie Kindred of 333½ N. 9th Street says, "Food stamp program is steadily improving, there used to be times when one had to stay in line and waiting periods hours upon hours, but now processing assistance for recipients is quite rapidly done. Also the different locations in which one can pick up her stamps is a timesaver. Many mothers appreciate the extra conveniences, because with children, some of us don't have babysitters and have to lug the children everywhere we go, so the different locations really saves us time and worry."

Miss Kindred, also said the Valley Star News is quite identifying to the community and many people look forward to reading and also appearing in the papers. "The press," says Miss Kindred, "has not in the past allowed Black people to express their sincere feelings and once this is open to the people they must get used to the idea of having freedom of the press, and it does appear that the Valley Star is a press at hand in which community people can express their honest opinions."

Housing Situations Needs Improvement

Miss Jessie Perkins, a Model City resident, residing at 331 S. 5th Street, says, "I hope that Model Cities will take a closer look at the Housing Problems that exist in the Model Neighborhoods. Many forced living conditions exist because of the limitation in overall housing vacancies."

"Model Cities," says Miss Perkins, "should try and provide more housing opportunities in rental and busing conditions, so there won't be so many forced living conditions, everyone is not able to buy a home, but when you think of improving, the first consideration is homes to buy, which would not be a fair housing improvement if opportunities were not also improved in the rental situations, for there will always be more renting than buying, so not only should a low cost buying home project be implemented but also a low cost renting house project, then you will be identifying with the whole community."

Should Try To Maintain Property

Prince Collins of 126 N. Tenth, an old-timer around town with 27 years for the General Motors Corp., now retired and spending most of his time up-keeping homes for owners and interested parties and it's just like Mr Collins to become involved in his work, for he says, "People should try and maintain their homes and property as best they can, and it will serve them longer and better. A lot of homes that are being torn down is not from the wear and tear, but because they were improperly kept. Something also should be done about these junk cars that set in front and back yards all over the city, they are bad for the appearance of the neighborhood and also do not do the soil any good. Community people should take it upon themselves and get rid of junk cars that help to wear and tear property."

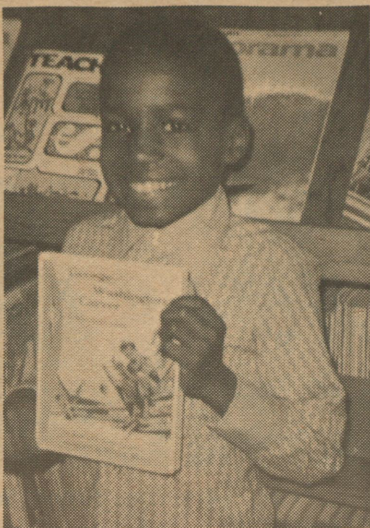
People Should Take More Interest

Valley Star news is a very informative paper of the community and she doesn't miss an issue, stated Mrs Kay McMillian of 811 Bethany. The paper contains interesting articles about Black people, which just aren't in the Saginaw News.

Mrs McMillian feels the program is good and worthwhile. It has provided many improvements and on-the-job training to help educate many people.

When asked what improvements are needed in the community she replied, "the neighborhood is beautiful, but the people themselves, should take a greater interest and pride in their property."

Also stated by her was that there is a need for a grocery store, mailboxes and adequately supervised playgrounds in their neighborhood.



Samuel Pempleton

Presents Life Of Dr. Geo. Washington Carver

By Judy Colvin

Little Samuel Pempleton, a student at Morley School, put on a show quite a few of the students won't forget. Sammy gave his own production recital of the life of Dr. George Washington Carver.

A counselor at Morley, Pat Clark stated, "Samuel put his whole self into his act. It wasn't as if he was just reciting the part, but displayed emotion, enthusiasm, and interest, as if he was a young actor."

Sammy, ten years old, and a fourth grader gave his show during "Black History Week". He went around to all the kindergarten, first, second, and third grades and asked each teacher could he perform for their class. He did this all on his own, as the play was his own decision.

The presentation was a five minute speech which Sammy read from an autobiography book of Mr Carver and he decided that the information he read was worth passing on. When Valley Star reporter asked the performer how he felt giving such a performance in front of his fellow students he replied, "I felt very comfortable and at ease."

"Dogs Running In Herds"

Daniel Ortega of 1514 Tuscola, the husband of Sera Ortega an ex-community aid worker for Model Cities offices says of Model Cities Program that his complaint concerning Model Cities is that the program is not far reaching enough, the community aids work is to routine and doesn't seem to reach into the community problems, the work is all on the surface. Mr Ortega also said that aids do not cover the whole Model Cities area and that his last address on Johnson (a part of the Model Cities area) that aides never came around to see just what things the people in the neighborhood thought needed improvement.

Daniel also mentioned need for some community support in his neighborhood to try and get the snow in the streets shoveled up and possibly do something about the stray dogs in the neighborhood



We all play together.



Have a piece!



'Gettin' It Together'

Birthday Party

On Saturday, March 11 Mr and Mrs Harvey Lawrence, Sr. of 1602 Essling gave a party in honor of the eighth birthday of their granddaughter, Miss Deirdra Ford. Deirdra's parents are Mr and Mrs Frances Ford of 2106 Cherry.

The basement of the Lawrence home was decorated with crepe paper streamers and balloons for the occasion. And there were party hats and noisemakers for all the guests. Deirdra said she thought sixty people, including cousins and friends, had been invited, and it looked as if nearly everyone made it at one time or

another.

Birthday cakes, frosty ice cream punch, and other goodies were served to the party guests by Mrs Lawrence's faithful helpers, Mary and Phyllis Catholic, Leon and Carolyn Johnson. As well as the party guests many aunts, uncles, and grandparents were on hand to wish Deirdra a happy birthday. It seemed all of them helped to make her eight birthday one she will always remember.

(Note: Your editor will remember it for some time too, particularly the heap of plate of chitterlings and cornbread.)

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Loss Of Dignity Provokes Riots

CELLA ALDERSON

Talk about a pound of flesh from taxpayers. What about the ton of flesh and pride extracted from people purportedly being rehabilitated in this state's prison?

Ideally, they'll emerge as useful, law-abiding, tax-paying members of society. But reality doesn't match the idea. Psychologically and physically, the prisoner's main experience is abuse by guards in an environment so stripped of redeeming

dignity that the only reprieve from humiliation is overriding bitterness and hate.

Add to abuse several more ingredients like disadvantaged minds mutual contempt, and habitual cruelty; sprinkle with vermin, season to taste with fear, stir with overcrowding, and you have the main course of prison life.

Jackson Prison is my personal nightmare. And I've

been there only as a visitor!

Over a number of years I have watched with grief and dismay as the meaning of Karl Menninger's "The Crime of Punishment" was illustrated before my eyes. For visitor as well as prisoner, Jackson Prison is a total break with the humane values of the outside world.

Visiting is made as unpleasant, inconvenient and restrictive as possible. The fabric of family closeness is shredded by guards who twitch like alerted rattlesnakes at any sign of tenderness such as touching hands, leaning forward too near, placing a hand on an arm. How much contraband can a man carry out from a visiting room anyway, since he is thoroughly frisked afterward?

Winter visiting in parole camps is torture for children, who must remain in smoke filled visiting rooms where their eyes burn and they become restless because there is nothing for them to do except squabble, make noise or get filthy on the floor.

There is less security at parole camps, but just as much emphasis on humiliation. Tenderness and simple, affectionate touching such as handholding, a loving arm around the shoulder, a needing, needed embrace are viewed as base, obscene displays by guards. "All right, Miller. Anymore of that and you're out, and she doesn't have to come back," the guard will say brandishing his power to deprive like a gun butt.

The disfiguring jeer. The pain, the humiliation and unbearable shamings. The despair and resentment knotting hard inside a couple with the audacity to behave as if they matter deeply to each other. The tension, fear, and panic, mount with the intimidations of guards who wave parole recommendations before inmates perilously close to release. Parole camps are polluted with paranoia.

I will never forget how a certain paunchy lieutenant at the Jackson parole camp told a mother one Sunday that she could not give her baby her bottle because only "snacks" are allowed in the visiting room in winter.

Nor will I soon forget the look of bitterness and rage on her husband's face, as forced by his vulnerable circumstances to remain passive, he had to endure the degradation of watching his wife thrown rudely out for "violating rules." No parole on earth can melt away that kind of bitterness.

Where is the rehabilitative value in such a rule?

What virtue exists in a "corrections" code which regards conjugal visiting as grossly immoral and unofficially views forcible homosexuality as just part of the "breaks" of a prison term?

Homosexuality, of course, is not formally sanctioned; only the twisted principles of privation are official, and if you wish, to express love, forget it — unless you can write to who doesn't tire of waiting, or unless you're handily heterosexual.

Parole camp is supposed to serve as a kind of decom-

pression point between prison and the outside world.

That is a farce. Longtimers surface with

agonizing cases of the bends. Having been long deprived of

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Riots

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social opportunities, their morale and confidence have been disastrously undermined. The chunk of their life spent in prison doesn't automatically right itself with a parole. Out of touch

with day-to-day business of living, strangers to all the little things of keeping home, family and job positive, constructive scenes, some parolees leaving long sentences behind are like forgotten children upon re-entering and trying to catch up with our fast-moving

society. Most have not even had the benefit of a work-pass program.

I'm not saying that prison should be a resort or a vacation. But it should not, on the other hand, be the miscarriage of justice it is at present.

Did you ever have a son, once a class leader and later convicted for selling pot come out of prison a homosexual? Not because he wants to be but because he is too ashamed of what happened to him to ever touch his girl again?

Did you ever have a sweetheart who, convicted for passing a bad check at Christmas, come out of prison loyal to the Cosa Nostra because they were the only ones nice to him in the joint, the ones who protected him from forcible rape, and the only ones who had a job waiting for him so he could be paroled?

Did you ever have a brother who went into prison a clean cut conscientious objector but came out sick to his core with hatred?

Maybe you did and maybe you didn't. But maybe it might happen to you and yours. Don't say you weren't forewarned.

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News Media Must

Not Betray Us

by THOMAS W. SULLIVAN

The difference between growing up today and growing up 20 years ago is the difference between "wide open" and "penny ante" poker. The stakes are higher. A bloody campus confrontation has approximately the same impact on today's youth as a smoke behind the barn had on yesterday's. But kids haven't changed;

they've only been put on a bigger playground.

If you drop a goldfish into an aquarium he'll soon be finning along the glass walls, bumping his nose on the limits of his new world. We all do that. In one way or another we learn about the limits of behavior and morality and sometimes we bump or exceed the boundaries in order to test them. If things go well, we adjust them a little to suit our own needs and fears and then we stay within. That's security. But you must build your own walls if you want to grow up.

Twenty years ago, this defining of limits was somewhat easier than today, the main reason being that the individual's world was smaller and he was more apt to accept traditional limits whose origins were obscured in a larger, unknown world. Modern technology has torn the veil from the unknown. Mass communications — TV, cars, Madison Avenue, news reporting — makes the poker game, the playground, the aquarium, the walls, (in short, growing up) a much more absolute and complicated process.

Today's youth can-must judge for themselves utilizing the vast first and second-hand experiences that come to them through mass communications. This is, obviously, an increasingly difficult thing to do.

Lives are wrecked in the process.

When the experiments are with drugs, or political extremism, or military forbearance, the consequences, real and stigmatic, are often permanent, leading to hostility as a defense. The walls young people erect in this way become prison walls. But the key that opens those prisons lies in the grasp of older society.

Guideline

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interpretation of Item "d" is not meant to be all inclusive, i.e., other types of social work experiences will also meet this criterion.

3. The Admissions process will follow the same procedures as those of a baccalaureate application. However, evaluations will be done within the framework of Items 2a, b, c and d.

4. The award of the MSW degree to non-baccalaureate students will be granted on the same criteria of eligibility as all students who are candidates for the MSW.

5. Admissions will be granted to no more than ten (10) non-baccalaureate degree applicants in a given calendar year.

6. The Associate Director of Admissions and Scholarships is responsible to review the progress of each non-baccalaureate degree student at the end of the academic year. The Associate Director will also review this program at the end of three years and make a report to the Admissions and Scholarships Committee.

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Michigan Bell Seeks To Aid Minority Capitalism

by Milton J. Robinson
Executive Director
Michigan Civil
Rights Commission

Minority capitalism in Michigan can expect a shot in the arm this year if Michigan Bell Telephone Co. is successful in implementing a beefed-up equal opportunity purchasing program.

Recognizing that minority-owned businesses suffer from, among other things, lack of industry awareness of their existence, the giant telephone firm is preparing a list, utilizing as many resources for names as possible.

Emphasis is being placed on locating Latin-American, American Indian and Oriental businesses, since lists of black-owned firms already exist.

Each business will be contacted to determine what goods and services it provides.

Firms providing goods and services of use to Michigan Bell will be placed on a final list to be distributed to all Michigan Bell employees with purchasing responsibility.

Since employees with purchasing responsibility are located in practically every Michigan Bell office in the state, the economic impact for minority businesses could be substantial.

It's this type of affirmative action program that Richard G. Gerstenberg was talking about in a speech I heard him deliver just prior to his recent appointment as chairman of the General Motors Corp.

In his remarks, Gerstenberg called on big business to lead the way in "broadening the range of economic opportunities open to blacks and other minorities."

"We can increase our efforts to help minority entrepreneurs start their own businesses," he said. "We can deposit more of our funds in minority-owned banks. We can provide low-interest or

interest-free loans to such minority-run projects as urban housing. We can increase our purchases from minority suppliers."

Comments Timely

His comments, of course, are more timely than ever.

Given that the cities are becoming disproportionately populated with low-income residents at an ever-increasing rate, they will continue to deteriorate unless businesses and industries are established to provide jobs and increase the tax base.

Since many white merchants and industrialists have made it clear they don't want anything to do with locations in the city, it is necessary that government and big business ensure that the minority businessman is given a chance to take up the slack.

To revitalize the business community of a city is to help the city as a whole. And, to get our cities back on their feet is to make Michigan and America better for everyone.

Let Gerstenberg's closing remarks be the watchwords for all companies.

"We can do more... we must... we will."

For more information call, Milton J. Robinson, Executive Director, Dick Colby, Director, Public Information, 313-222-1810.

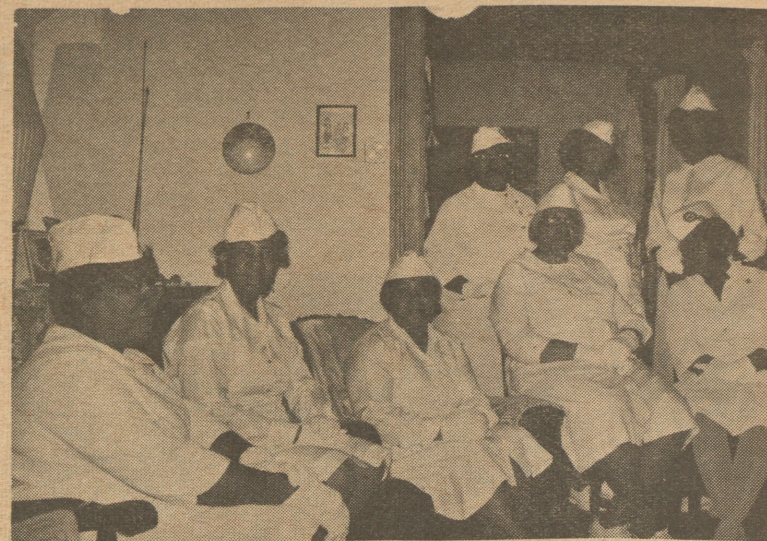
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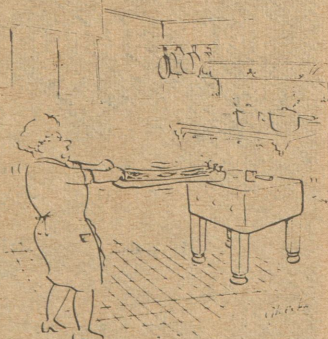
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The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Kappa Chapter honored Miss E. Zipporoh Thompson as "Teacher of the Year" (1971-72) at their annual Teacher-arama program.

Miss Thompson is an English teacher at Ricker Jr. High School. She has been meritorious in her work with our youth. Advisor for the "inos" a girl guidance group, composed of girls from grades ninth through twelve, directed the beautiful "Ebony Ball", (which involved more than fifty) (50) students, ages four to eighteen years old. One of her most recent outstanding involvements with our youth is the writing and directing of a Black History Stage production at Saginaw High School that involved sixty (60) Saginaw High School students.

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Ike Didn't Like It Either But

BY SAUL FRIEDMAN
WASHINGTON — After he left office, President Eisenhower confessed that at the time it happened he did not like the 1954 Supreme Court decision which outlawed school segregation. And he was angry that his appointee, Chief Justice Earl Warren had written the unanimous opinion.

In 1956, an election year, more than 100 members of Congress from 11 southern states (four of which Ike had carried in 1952) denounced the ruling in what became known as "the southern manifesto."

The trauma of the 1954 decision was massive. The burdens it placed on the White House were great. And the 'manifesto' was loaded with political pressure.

But so far as is known, President Eisenhower did not invite to the White House the strongest opponents of the 1954 decision to talk about ways to circumvent the ruling.

Civil Rights advocates criticized Eisenhower for not vigorously supporting the court or exhorting the nation to carry out its orders. Nevertheless, Eisenhower did insist that the court be obeyed. And he went even further.

In 1956, despite pressure from the south and conservative Republicans, he asked for a civil rights bill, passed the following year, which included the creation of a civil rights decision in the Justice Department and a Civil Rights Commission.

And the Republican national platform of 1956—stronger than the one approved by the Democrats—said the party "accepts the decision of the US Supreme Court that racial discrimination in publicly supported schools must be progressively eliminated."

But perhaps the most important single thing Eisenhower did on the explosive, emotional issue was to act like a president—the chief enforcer of the law—rather than like a lawyer who keeps promising a losing client a new angle.

Although he was not a lawyer, in the best legal tradition Eisenhower carefully refrained from commenting on the merits of a decision he did not like.

How much tougher it would have been in those early years of the civil rights movement had Eisenhower constantly griped about the decisions of the courts and promised different alternatives.

Presidents can and do disagree with the Supreme Court. But it is one thing to display pique when a pet program is overturned, and another for a president to hold his nose in public while people are trying to turn away from misbegotten traditions with reason and calm.

President Nixon, who is a lawyer and therefore an officer of the courts as well as the chief executive, has made it clear in statement after

Don't Tell Me Who I Am

BY ROD RODGERS

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(On several occasions I have been asked if I felt that my dance-art is affected by my being Afro-American. This question surprises me because I am aware of the way my present work has evolved from my early experience and basic technique in Afro-Cuban and jazz dance. But in an art like dance, people have no way of seeing where you are coming from unless you have managed to retain examples of your early work in your repertoire, and I have not found this practical. So the question persists from blacks and whites who strongly feel that the most important thing a black artist can do today is to help establish a black cultural identity by emphasizing traditional Afro-American thematic material. The following statement from my point of view clarifies the role of non-traditional, experimental "black art.")

I am not looking for any over-simplified answer to the question: Who am I? It is obvious by now that I am not going to be a great white American dancer. But I have little patience with people who suggest that to be a black choreographer one must limit one's scope and deal exclusively with traditional Afro-American material.

The question of an artist's identity is one that he continually asks. He asks it through his chosen medium by experimentally probing into different aspects of his identity and environment. Whether one functions as a choreographer who also happens to be black, or as a black man who happens to be a choreographer is determined by one's point of view at a given moment. The ideal point of view at any given moment, for the individual artist, is the one which best allows him to create the most profoundly exciting art. If he cannot produce beautiful and exciting art, there is no point in discussing his political or ideological commitments in relation to art.

The militant black revolutionary may think of art in terms of the whole machinery of the revolution, as a means of bringing forth the rich heritage of the African in America and of creating a sense of identity for the sake of the revolution. Most of the existing dance companies which are the instruments of black choreographers have placed their emphasis on traditional Afro-American material. They are exploring through their artistry the proud Afro-American heritage and they can evoke poignant images which will encourage intolerance of racial suppression. But these images are not the only means of communicating a black consciousness. While traditional black art is playing a vital role in the awakening of a black cultural identity, now it is equally important for black artists to discourage the crystallization of new limiting stereotypes by not confining themselves to over-simplified traditional images.

I am not suggesting that black artists should or could cut themselves off from Afro-American tradition. Artist or layman, our past experience inevitably affects our articulation of present ideas. But if an artist's sense of immediacy is to vitalize his work, he should have freedom to decide which ideas he feels a need to communicate at a particular time. Artists have felt compelled to create images calling for social changes long before their own people were ready to initiate such changes. Other artists might never be moved to focus their art on socio-historic events. It is not a question of art for art's sake; it is a need to be true to one's own feelings. Although masterpieces have been created on commission, in the process of fulfilling some sponsor's vision far more often the product of artists working with ideas which are devoid of deep personal relevance has tended to be poor art.

An artist's assumption that he knows exactly what his audience "needs" often results in art that is, at best, patronizing. The highest compliment an artist can pay his audience is to invite them to witness his exploration of the maximum possibilities of his art, based on his total experience.

The dance that I do is Afro-American, simply because I am Afro-American. My blackness is part of my identity as a human being, and my dance exploration is evolving in relation to my total experience as a man. It is simply a question of what takes precedence in the creative act; my total living experience, or those experiences which I consider particularly relevant to my blackness. Both white and black Americans have long been conditioned to accept the myth that Afro-Americans function well only in certain predictable areas. This myth must be dispelled. The refusal of black artists to confine their work to convenient categories will contribute to the destruction of this limited notion. Each dance that I create has grown out of my personal experience as a black American. Each movement that I explore is part of my own personal heritage.

My emphasis is on exploring through my medium, experimenting with dance, trying to find fresh ways of evoking physical and spiritual images to make new poetic comments about man's eternal beauty and pathos. My function in the revolution will be to share my personal experience—a vital and growing experience—through dance; it will not be to show only old stereotypes or create new ones.



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Phyllis Smith, Loudean Moultrie, Margaret Coleman, Mary Scott, Bunny Saunders, Vickie Peoples, the bride's sister and Rosetta Harrell.

Acting as best man for his cousin was Nathan Shannon. The groomsmen were Cleveland Scruggs, Calvin Shannon, Rudolph Dugan Jr., the bride's brother, Harold Watkins, the groom's brother, Willie Davis, Richard Williams, Shervin-

Corbin, Bobbie Shaw, Sylvester Davis, Melvin Nathan, and Earle Shannan.

Lisa Dugan, Tammy Peoples, and Judy Peoples were flower girls, and Milford Wilson was ringbearer for the ceremony.

Rev. Roosevelt Austin, pastor of Zion, officiated and music was provided by Mrs. Claudine Wickes.

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statement that he does not like desegregation decisions which require extensive busing.

And consequently, he announced at a press conference last week that he was inviting to the White House a group of congressmen and senators who also don't like busing and want to do something about it.

It was a spur-of-the-moment invitation which surprised the recipients as well as the White House staff. The anti-busing lawmakers had appealed for a meeting six months earlier, but came at the dawn of the election year and on the eve of the Florida primary.

Participants said the meeting included Democrats and Republicans and was therefore not politically motivated. However, the White House invitation was

not extended to members of the House Black Caucus or to Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, a black Republican.

At the meeting, according to Senate Republican Whip Robert P. Griffin of Michigan, the President emphasized several times his dislike of forced busing and indicated he would soon make "significant moves" to put a stop to it.

"The President made it clear that he is not satisfied with the status quo and something will be done," Griffin said. "The attorney

general may intervene in more cases to oppose busing, a constitutional amendment to prohibit busing may be supported, or the administrator might support anti-busing legislation."

To his credit, the President did not immediately jump for a constitutional amendment panacea and he pledged there would be no regression of the progress of desegregation so far.

But damage was already done when the President, instead of keeping a clear head, aided and abetted the hysteria by holding his nose.

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